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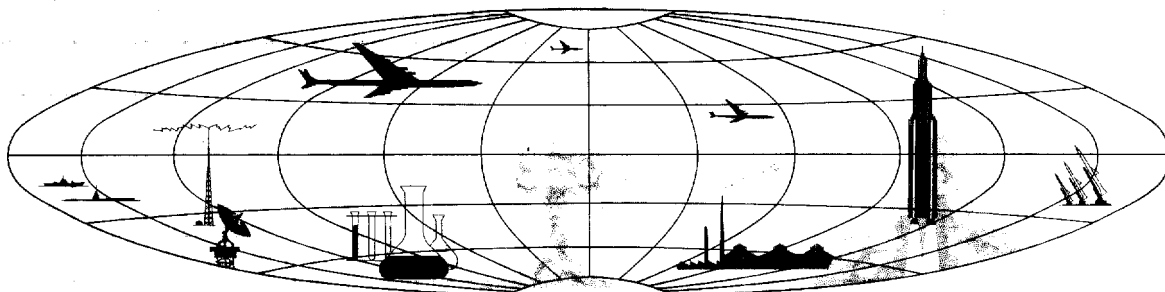
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EXPLOSIVES STORAGE DEPOT

(51-44N 113-01E)

STARAYA KUKA, CHITINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

TRANSBAIKAL MD

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BE No: None

AL No: None

COMOR No: None

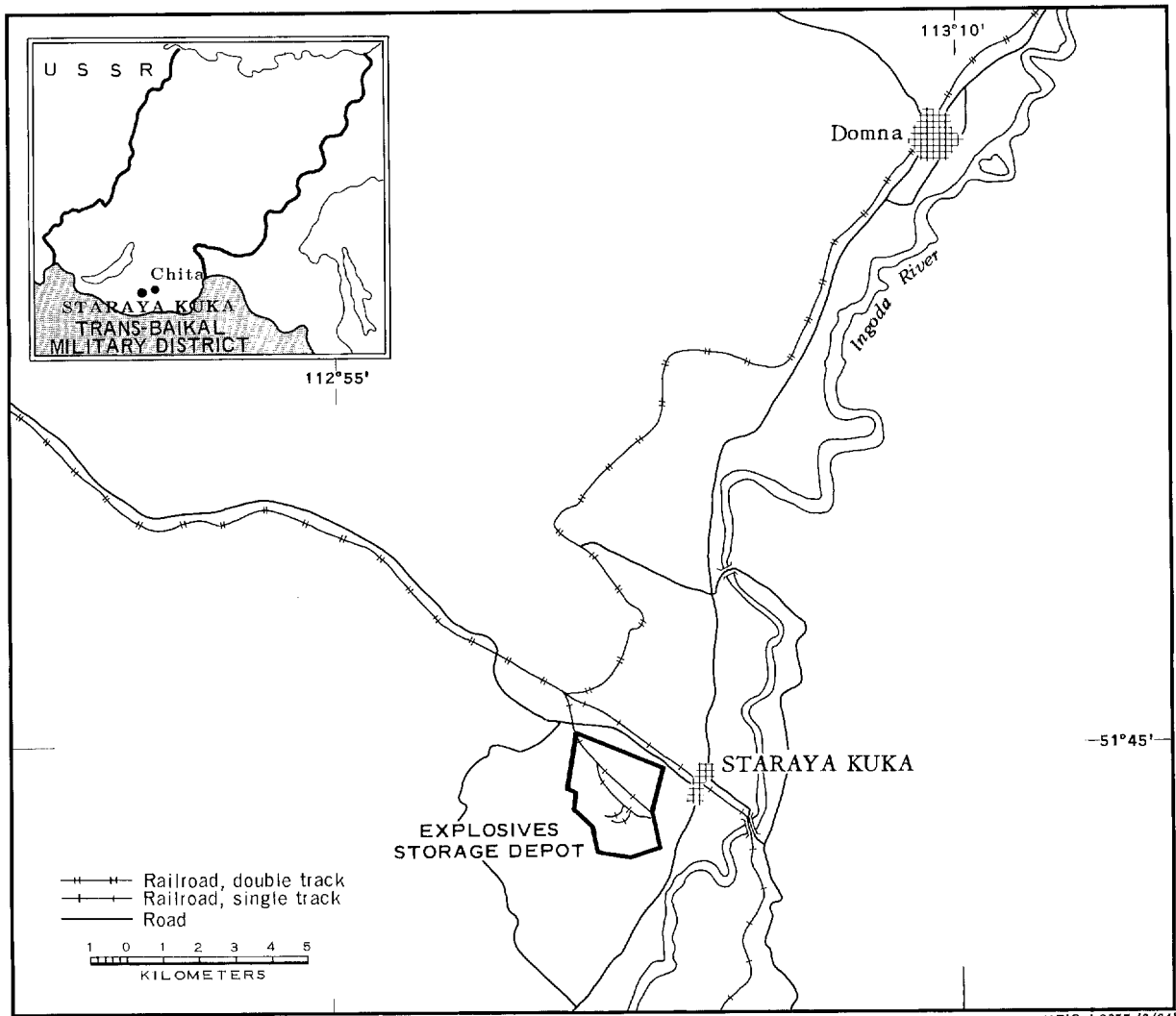


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVES STORAGE DEPOT.

SUMMARY

A storage depot is located 40 kilometers (km) southwest of Chita (52-04N 113-26E) and 18 km north-northeast of the Drovyanaya ICBM Complex on the Mildigun branch line of the Trans-Siberian railroad (Figure 1). The installation is served by a spur, and nine rail sidings provide access to each group of storage buildings. Probable improved secondary roads connect the installation to the main highway net.

The installation covers approximately 400 acres (Figures 2 and 3) and includes 103 buildings within a double-fenced area. Eighty-seven buildings, in a dispersed pattern with rail access, appear to be explosives-type, non-revetted stor-

age buildings. A possible general storage area containing 17 buildings is located within the perimeter in the northeast portion of the area. A probable billeting and support facility is located immediately adjacent to the east edge of the secured area. It contains one administration, two barracks, seven probable storage, and 4 probable support buildings. Snow and image quality preclude the identification of other partially obscured buildings throughout the installation.

The installation has undergone no apparent change on eight KEYHOLE missions between

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A single spur with nine branch sidings serve the installation. Each siding provides access to a group of dispersed buildings within the secured area.

Road Service

Probable improved secondary roads connect the installation to the Ulan-Ude--Chita highway.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The nearest aircraft facility is Domna Airfield, 18 km north-northeast.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains one administration, two barracks, seven probable storage, and four probable support buildings. Located adjacent to the secured area, this area appears to be in direct support of the storage area.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains eighty-seven 175- by 45-foot dispersed explosives storage buildings, 17 probable general storage buildings approximately 100 by 50 feet, and an undetermined number of general support buildings partially obscured in by vegetation and by snow.

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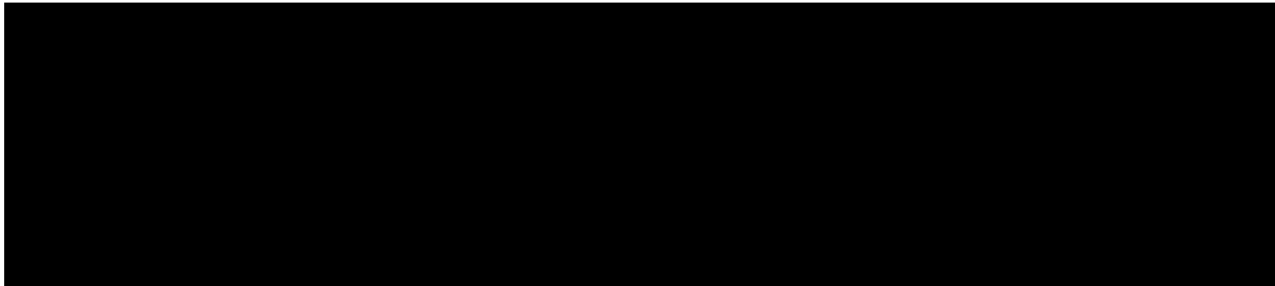
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REQUIREMENT

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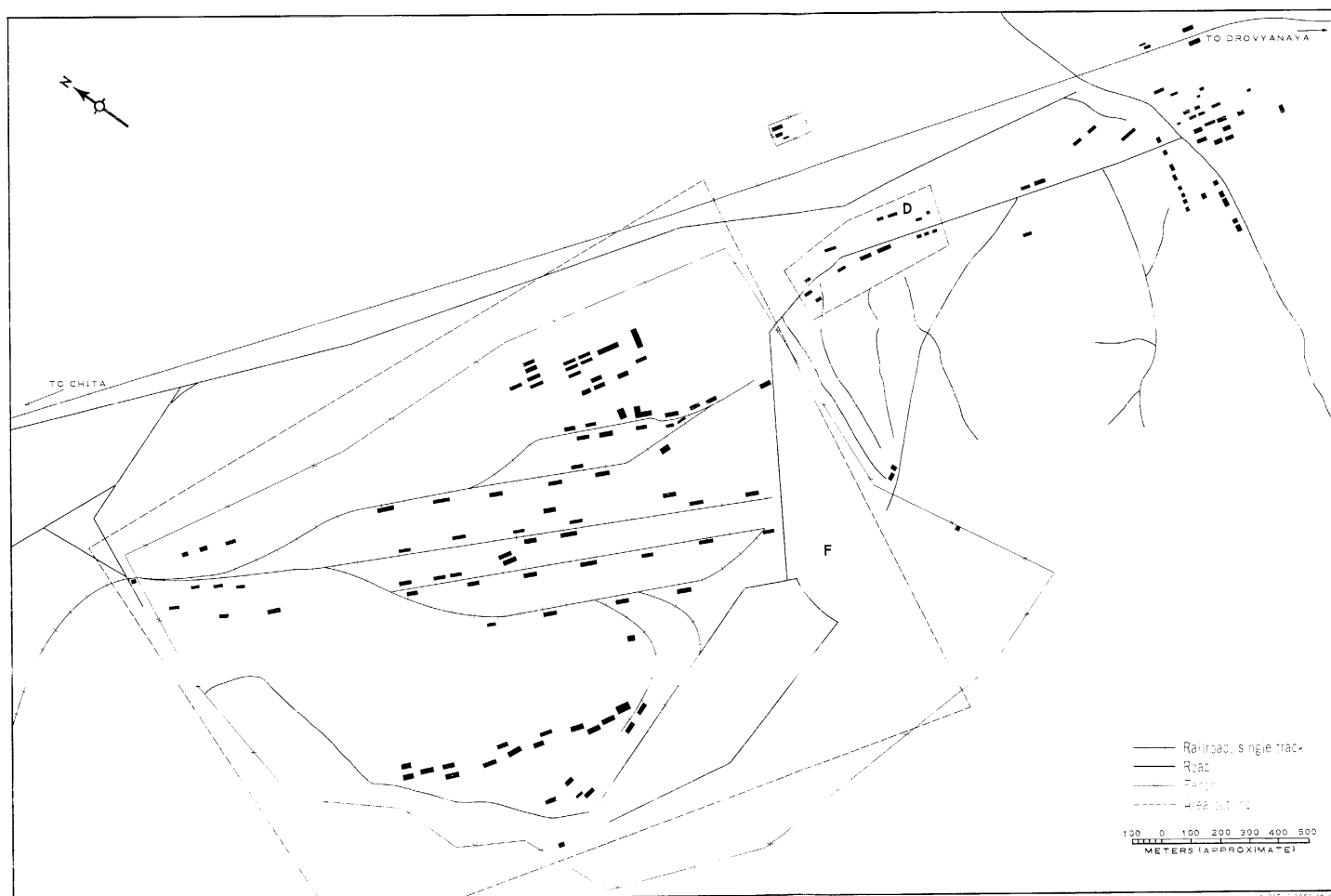
FIGURE 2 - EXPLOSIVES STORAGE DEPOT, STARAYA KUKA, USSR

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